Boreham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Boreham Parish Council
held at 7.30pm on Monday 9th January 2023 in the Goodwin Room of Boreham Village Hall

Present
Councillor P Elkington (Chairman)
Councillor A Leach
Councillor K Cherry
Councillor L Miller
Councillor E Stammers

Also in attendance: Mrs Lisa Miller (Parish Clerk), Mrs Jo Penson (Assistant Clerk)

23/108 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted by Cllrs Reed and Toole.

23/109 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Elkington and Leach declared an interest in item 23/116 (the purchase of the Bowling Club).

23/110 Public Participation

None were in attendance.

23/111 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th December 2022

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th December 2022 had been distributed and it was RESOLVED that they be signed as a true record of the meeting.

23/112 Councillors Reports

a) **City Councillor Report.** The theatre is still in the throes of being refurbished. The devolution of councils has been discussed with councillors throughout Essex.
b) **County Councillor J Spence's Report.** Cllr John Spence had sent his apologies. He sent a report containing the following relevant to Boreham. He has been working with the ECC Cabinet to finalise the funding agreement for the new Beaulieu Station, also dealt with continuous issues around the widening of the A12, particularly given the adverse impact on Boreham and the ongoing revisions to Junction 19. Cllr Spence is currently involved in working on a proposal for off road parking in Church Road and also the continued parking problems at Papermill Lock and the proposed new Papermill Lock Bridge, the latter of which was successful in getting stopped.
c) **Village Hall Committee –** Nothing to report.
d) **Transport Committee –** Nothing to report.
e) **Community Speedwatch** – Nothing to report.
f) **One Boreham –** Nothing to report.
g) **Climate Crisis Environment Working Party** – The pond at Chantry Field has been completed, lined and fenced and safety signs and ring installed. An interim report has been prepared and circulated. This will be submitted to the Climate Challenge Prize fund. The addition of shingle/gravel will be completed this spring and marginal and aquatic plants introduced. We will also add a bulletin board – this will complete the project and then we can do the final report to close it out. So far we have spent £9400 of the £11,050 budget. The hedgerow around the pond fence will be planted later this month.
h) **Butler Trust –** Next meeting on 23rd January 2023.
i) **Paper Mill Lock & River** – Nothing to report.

23/113 To receive and consider the following Committee Minutes previously circulated

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 5th December 2022

The Minutes were confirmed with no comment.

23/114 Clerk's Report

The Clerk had received a letter from Buckingham Palace and a personalised note from the King thanking the Parish Council for their letter of condolence and the Book of Condolence that had been sent to the Royal Family on behalf of the Parish of Boreham.

It was reported that the Play in the Park sessions had been booked, one in the Easter holidays and one in the summer. Due to the rise in costs, and the need for two sessions on one day, only one day would be booked in the summer with similar activities to the previous year.

23/115 Boreham Football Club Licence Permit

Following a meeting with the Football Club just before Christmas to discuss acceptable amendments to the draft Licence, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the final draft Licence should be agreed and signed by both parties. The Licence will be reviewed annually.

23/116 Purchase of Bowling Club

It was agreed to arrange a meeting with the City Council to discuss the Heads of Terms and negotiate on the terms. It was also agreed to get the land valued.

23/117 Chase Field Lease

It was agreed to arrange a meeting with the City Council to discuss the Heads of Terms and negotiate on the terms.

23/118 A12 Widening

It was reported that Cllr Reed had registered to attend the hearing on 12th January in Witham. It was agreed to put together a letter with all our objections and proposals for traffic calming measures for this meeting.

23/119 Memorial for John Galley

Proposal: To pass a resolution to rename the Boreham Recreation Ground in memory of the late John Galley to the John Galley Memorial Ground.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the Boreham Recreation Ground be renamed the John Galley Memorial Ground by unanimous vote.

23/120 Chantry Field Pond

The interim report for the pond has been distributed prior to the meeting and was approved by full council.

23/121 Parish Newsletter

Due to the increase in costs, the Parish Council have obtained three quotations to print the Parish Newsletter. **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the council would use Reprohouse for a trial couple of editions and if the product was of good quality then we would use their print services going forward.

23/122 Financial Matters

a) **Budgetary control and Accounts Report -** Members were circulated with budgetary control reports. Members approved the reports.

b) **Ratification and authorisation of Payments -** It was RESOLVED to accept the Accounts as drawn and ratification and authorisation was given for the cheques and payments (appendix attached).

There being no further matters for consideration, the Chairman thanked Members for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 8.47pm.